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similar. Plant introduction has given to the United States practically all of its commercial crops. Most of these have become so thor-

oughly naturalized and Americanized that we are astonished to learn that they are not natives. That astonishment will be progressive through the centuries. The day will come when Americans, wandering through our great bamboo forests-at present non-existent -will be as much astonished to learn that the bamboo is a "foreigner" as we of to-day are surprised when told that

wheat is not a native. Plant introduction was for a long time dependent upon private initiative and enterprise. Travelers saw this or that plant abroad, or nursery or seed houses learned of something else, and specimens were brought in for trial. But no systematic, scientific effort to increase the flora of the country was made until a comparatively few years ago, when Mr. Barbour Lathrop, a wealthy San Franciscan whose hobby was plant gathering, suggested and really financed the first Government attempt to find useful new plants for cultivation in America. The Bureau of Plant Industry, of the United States Department of Agriculture, is now systematically combing the earth to find varieties of plants that may be useful in American life.

Famous scientists like Dr. David Fairchild, who is in charge of the Bureau's office of foreign seed and plant introduction, the late Frank N. Meyer, and others have journeyed and are continuing to journey to the utmost confines of the earth in their search for new plants for America. And hundreds of correspondents and collaborators in foreign lands are constantly sending the United States innumerable seed and plant foreigners.

A plant foreigner differs but little from a human foreigner. It may be an anarchist or a desirable citizen. Its history may be a criminal one or a record of worthy accomplishment. So there

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must be detention points, immigration stations, for these floral newcomers, where their histories and potentialities may be inquired into. Uncle Sam has therefore created at appropriate points in his wide domain a number of Ellis Islands for plants.

At Brooksville, in the hummock region of western Florida, is a plant immigration station that furnishes ideal conditions for the propagation of plants coming from the moister but not tropical parts of China and Japan. In these gardens are located the first sizable Federal plantation of bamboo. This plant is one of the most valuable trees in the world. The smooth stems rise fifty feet in air, branchless for the greater part of their length. In spring these trees furnish an abundance of edible young shoots as delicious as asparagus. The wood is extremely strong. The little canes are our common bamboo fishing-poles. The larger stems are useful in a thousand ways. This plant can be grown from the Carolinas to Texas, and there is every reason to believe that our descendants will some day wander through great forests of bamboo in America.

At Miami is another plant-introduction garden. Here frost is practically unknown. The character of the region is largely tropical. So the Miami station is most advantageous for the propagation and preliminary testing of a wide range of new plants from tropical and subtropical regions.

The Chico, California, station is located in the very heart of one of the leading deciduous fruit and nut sections. Here the summers are long and hot, the winters are mild, and water for irrigation is abundant. So the Chico station becomes the appropriate place to try out such widely differing plants as alfalfa from Siberia, hardy fruits from Russia, chestnuts, persimmons, and jujubes from northern China, and citrus fruits from the tropics.

At Bellingham, Washington, a station has been created after extensive experiments to find the best place in America to grow bulbs, for Uncle Sam feels that America ought not to be dependent upon other lands for her bulb supply. Millions of bulbs bloom there. And there are reasons to believe from these experiments that the so-called "Dutch bulbs" can be grown just as well in this country as in Holland, while tests show that in some respects these home-grown bulbs are even superior to the Holland products. Almost certainly the result of these experiments will be the building up of a great bulb industry in the Puget Sound region.

The Yarrow station, at Rockville, Maryland, was established primarily to meet the need for a place near Washington where plants could be inspected by the Federal Horticultural Board, and properly guarded if there is a suspicion that they are diseased. Lack of proper control of plant introductions in earlier days unleashed upon the country such terrible scourges as the chestnut blight and the San José scale. Uncle Sam does not intend to have a repetition of such a thing.

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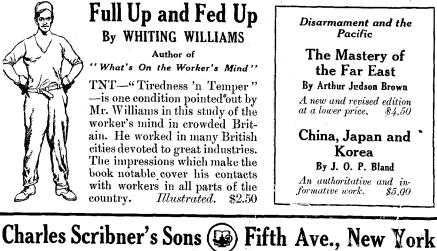
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replied.

So do what you please with what he said. He meant it, with all his fine soul. He has such a passion for a social and industrial interpretation of the gospel that he thrills when he finds a new paper or a new preacher or teacher who believes that Jesus taught a gospel that reaches down into life. WILLIAM L. STIDGER, Minister St. Mark's Methodist Church,

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Savannah, Georgia. In these stations Uncle Sam takes charge of all the plant immigrants coming to the Bureau of Plant Industry.

The enormous labor connected with the handling of these newcomers is past belief. From all corners of the earth come bales of plants, cuttings, and seeds that must first be unpacked, given each an identification number, and at once inspected for disease. If in any way tainted, a plant is immediately ordered into quarantine. Otherwise it gets a clean bill of health, which permits of its distribution as occasion necessitates.

The plant propagators at these stations often have to resort to every known practice of the craft to save a plant arriving out of condition or out of season. And sometimes, when they are handling plants utterly unknown to them, they must devise methods entirely new.

The necessary records of a plant immigrant include a Federal Horticultural Board inspection card, a plant introduction card, a plant order card, and a shipping tag upon which is a certificate of inspection. And each of these cards must contain minutely detailed information, such as the name of the sender, name of inspector, treatment prescribed, date received, number of specimens received, probable economic value, name of recipient if shipped out for trial, and so on.

Merely to list the thousands of plants that have come to these immigrant stations would fill a book or two. Plants of all sorts, from forest trees to ornamental vines, are on trial. Many of these plants are no better than our native plants of like sorts. Some are inferior. Yet many have been discovered that may be helpful in improving old species here or in establishing new industries.

For instance, take the peach. For quality American peaches lead the world. But they are terribly subject to disease. Among the plant immigrants are scores of peach trees from many quarters of the globe. Some of these are highly resistant to many peach diseases, and will doubtless eventually revolutionize peach culture in America, either through hybridization or by their use as stocks to graft on, thus making the trees hardier.

Scores of different strains of wheat are under culture. New fruits of all sorts are here. Ornamental shrubs, medicinal plants, forest trees, food plants, grow here. Many newcomers have proved extremely valuable. The Chinese jujube, which bears a big fruit as large as a big prune, promises to create a new industry. The tung-oil tree, from the seeds of which is made one of the best drying oils known to commerce, has been successfully introduced into a number of Southern States. The pistache tree, the nuts of which give us the green vegetable coloring for confections, has been found to do especially well in California. The udo, a Japanese salad plant that produces edible shoots like asparagus, has been

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sent out from the immigrant stations and found adaptable to many parts of the country.

As a co-operator for the Bureau of Plant Industry, I am growing udo in my gardens in central Pennsylvania. In these same gardens and orchards I am growing Siberian plums, Spanish cherries, Chinese vines, real Irish potatoes, and other plants in an effort to learn for Uncle Sam where his new immigrants will thrive and what they are good for.

A new blight resistant chestnut has been found that may replace our departing native chestnuts; a Chinese dry-land elm has been brought from Manchuria that may some day play a part in reforesting America. The Egyptian cotton, so useful to tire-makers because of its long fibers, has been successfully introduced into the West. The chayote, the avocado, the East Indian mango, the petsai, the kudzu vine, Sudan grass, and innumerable other plants have been introduced that promise to be of greatest usefulness in this country. As the process of Americanization proceeds, we shall find that many others among the 50,000 immigrants received at our Ellis Islands for plants will help to widen, extend, and perhaps almost to revolutionize American agriculture.

THE PERSONAL EQUATION

BY CHARLES WHARTON STORK

Hor, stranger? Well, it may be overwarm.

No, I don't hardly think there'll be a storm.

- What are the people like here in this town?
- They ain't perfection, you can put that down.

It all depends. I can't tell how they'd strike

Your notions. Tell me, though, what were they like

Where you were last? A mean, cantankerous lot,

You say; you left the God-forsaken spot Glad to be quit of them. Well, that's rough on you,

For here you'll find them largely that way, too.

Good-morning! Yes, it is a lovely day.

Just passing through here? So? you mean to stay.

You wonder what the folks are like. Oh, well,

They're just plain humans, I can hardly tell.

How were they in the place where you were last?

Honest and kind, you say; they never passed

An ugly word to you, every one was your friend.

You grieved to think such pleasant times must end.

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